## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

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- 1. An earloop for a headset, comprising:
  - an earloop main body having a connecting portion and a stabilizer portion,
    the stabilizer portion being configured to be positioned at least partially
    over, around and behind a user's ear;
  - a post extending from the connection portion of the earloop main body, the post being configured to be inserted into a corresponding opening defined in an audio receiver and/or transmitter assembly; and a hardened steel member embedded within the earloop and extending from the post into the connection portion of the earloop main body.
- 2. The earloop of claim 1, wherein the hardened steel member is approximately 2 inches in length.
- 3. The earloop of claim 1, wherein the hardened steel member extends15 substantially an entire length of the post.
  - 4. The earloop of claim 3, wherein the post is approximately 0.8 inches in length.
  - 5. The earloop of claim 1, wherein the hardened steel member includes a bend at approximately a juncture between the connecting portion of the earloop main body and the post.

- 6. The earloop of claim 1, wherein the post is integrally formed with the earloop.
- 7. The earloop of claim 1, wherein the hardened steel member is approximately 0.04 inches in diameter.
- 5 8. The earloop of claim 7, wherein the post is approximately 0.1 inches in diameter.
  - 9. A headset, comprising:

an earloop having:

an earloop main body having a connecting portion and a stabilizer portion, the stabilizer portion being configured to be positioned at least partially over, around and behind a user's ear,

- a post extending from the connection portion of the earloop main body, and
- a hardened steel member embedded within the earloop and extending from the post into the connection portion of the earloop main body; and

an audio assembly having at least one of a receiver element configured to be positioned near the user's ear and a transmitter element, the audio assembly defining an opening configured to receive the post therethrough, the audio assembly being positionable along a length of the post and rotatable about the post.

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- 10. The headset of claim 9, wherein the audio assembly includes a rubber grommet disposed within the audio assembly opening to provide a frictional fit between the audio assembly opening and the post.
- 11. The headset of claim 9, wherein the hardened steel member isapproximately 2 inches in length.
  - 12. The headset of claim 9, wherein the hardened steel member extends substantially an entire length of the post.
  - 13. The headset of claim 12, wherein the post is approximately 0.8 inches in length.
- 10 14. The headset of claim 9, wherein the hardened steel member includes a bend at approximately a juncture between the connecting portion of the earloop main body and the post.
  - 15. The headset of claim 9, wherein the post is integrally formed with the earloop.
- 15 16. The headset of claim 9, wherein the hardened steel member is approximately 0.04 inches in diameter.

17.	The headset of claim 16, wherein the post is approximately 0.1 inches in
diameter.	
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